

Hancock County Public Schools **Safe Return Plan 2022-2023**



Our goal is to create a safe and healthy environment that allows students to return to a traditional school setting.

General precautions within our school district

- Masks will be optional for all students while riding on a Hancock County school bus.
- Masks will be optional for students and staff while in the school buildings.
- Masks will be available by the district.
- Field trips with an instructional focus will be allowed.
- Competition trips will resume according to scheduling/season.
- When possible, a minimum of 3-feet social distancing will be practiced.
- Classrooms and common areas are equipped with bipolar ionization and HVAC systems which provide proper ventilation.
- Visitors in the buildings will be limited to those that have an essential instructional/vendor function.
- Frequent hand-washing and hygiene practices will be strongly encouraged across the district among students and staff.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and buses.
- Instructional areas and buses will be sanitized daily.
- A registered nurse will be located at each school.
- Protocols for screening for COVID -19 will be available.
- Parents need to screen students for COVID symptoms before arriving at school and/or getting on a bus.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher should remain home and parents should contact their home school regarding the symptoms. Students should be symptom-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before being allowed to return to school.
- COVID -19 testing will be available at each school for students and staff.

Community health and safety data will be monitored and if COVID-19 positive cases increase inside classrooms, schools, and/or across the county, changes to this plan will be made accordingly. The plan may change based on Executive Orders and CDC and/or Health Department recommendations.